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SUBJ: GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S MEETINGS WITH HUANG HUA AND CHI TENG-KUEI

1. GOVERNOR WILLIAM SCRANTON MET WITH VICE PREMIER THI
TENG-KUEI FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
HUANG HUA FOR TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS ON OCTOBER 22.
SCRANTON TOLD USLO OFFICERS IN
BRIEF MEETING AT AIRPORT THAT THE DISCUSSIONS COVERED A
BROAD RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES BUT THAT NOTHING
NEW EMERGED. TOPICS COVERED INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

2. CHINA, THE US AND THE UN. SCRANTON MADE THE POINT
TO BOTH CHI AND HUANG THAT THE PRC'S CONSTANT RHETORICAL
BLASTS IN THE UN AGAINST US "IMPERIALISM" AND
"HEGEMONISM" HARDLY HELPED TO BUILD UP AMERICAN PUBLIC

SUPPORT FOR NORMALIZATION AND FOR MOVEMENT ON THE
TAIWAN ISSUE. THE US HAS MADE MISTAKES, VIETNAM BEING ONE,
AND HAS ADMITTED THEM. CHINA HAS ALSO MADE MISTAKES.
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IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, SCRANTON SAID, IF CHINA WOULD TONE
DOWN ITS ATTACKS. CHI REACTED ANGRILY TO THESE RE-
MARKS AND REBUTTED WITH A REFERENCE TO CONTINUED
US PRESENCE IN KOREA, BUT CALMED DOWN QUICKLY
WHEN THE DISCUSSION TURNED ELSEWHERE.

3. SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN THE LONG TERM. HUANG

SAID THAT THE US SHOULD RESIST TAKING THE ROAD OF APPEASEMENT AND SHOULD TAKE A STRONG POSITION AGAINST SOVIET EXPANSION; ON THIS POINT THE US AND CHINA HAVE A MUTUAL INTEREST AND CAN WORK TOGETHER. SCRANTON AGREED BUT ASKED WHETHER THERE MIGHT ALSO BE OTHER AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST UPON WHICH A CLOSER AND MORE COOPERATIVE LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP CAN BE BUILT. HUANG APPARENTLY HAD NO READY ANSWER FOR THIS QUESTION. SCRANTON SUGGESTED TRADE. HUANG SAID, SOMEWHAT MECHANICALLY, THAT AFTER NORMALIZATION TRADE MIGHT INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY.

4. FLEXIBILITY ON TAIWAN. HUANG MADE THE FAMILIAR POINTS THAT IN THE WAKE OF THE VANCE VISIT SOME PEOPLE HAD ERRONEOUSLY CONCLUDED THAT CHINA WAS PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE ON THESE THREE CONDITIONS. CHINA WILL NEVER ALTER THESE THREE CONDITIONS.

5. USLO DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEBRIEF SCRANTON EXTENSIVELY ON HIS MEETINGS. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO FOLLOW UP, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO HIS SESSION WITH CHI TENG-KUEI. TALK WITH HUANG HUA SOUNDED ROUTINE AND VERY MUCH LIKE SESSION NATIONAL COMMITTEE BOARD HAD WITH HIM. MEETING WITH CHI TENG-KUEI, HOWEVER, WAS ONLY THE SECOND SUCH OPPORTUNITY US LEADERS HAVE HAD, THE FIRST BEING HIS

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